

The Grand Traverse Bay YMCA provides memberships and programs for all regardless of financial means!



“Not only was our child a gift from God, but he has brought new life and excitement to our world. Because our child means the world to us, we only want the best for him when it comes to child care. We believe our child should be able to go to a child care facility where he is well cared for and loved, which I know we’ll find at the Y Child Care Center.”

- Invest in Youth parent



“My daughter loves the gymnastics program. She works very hard at it.”

- Invest in Youth Mom

A gift to Invest in Youth of ...

- ... \$10,000 provides 2 needy families with day care
- ... \$5,000 provides 10 single parent families with a YMCA membership for a year
- ... \$1,000 supports 10 children for a week at YMCA Summer Day Camp
- ... \$500 helps a needy family with a YMCA membership
- ... \$250 provides a single senior citizen with a YMCA membership
- ... \$100 helps pay for a youth membership



“My doctor has advised me to begin a consistent, rigorous exercise program. I have fond memories of regular trips to the YMCA with my father and brothers years ago and want to get back to those disciplined habits.”

- Invest in Youth Older Adult



Grand Traverse Bay YMCA Invest in Youth Appeal DONATION FORM:

Yes, I want to Invest in Youth by donating the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 10,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 5,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 250 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____ | |

- ☐ Please direct my gift to the greatest need.
- ☐ Please direct my gift to the general scholarship program.

☐ Please direct my gift to the following program:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Y Child Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Y Camp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Y Lacrosse | <input type="checkbox"/> Y Gymnastics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Military Scholarships | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Y Soccer | <input type="checkbox"/> Y Fitness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Y Pop Warner | <input type="checkbox"/> Y Tennis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Y Flag Football | <input type="checkbox"/> Y Basketball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Y Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Y Teen Dances |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Y Softball | <input type="checkbox"/> Y Family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Y Summer Day Camps | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Y Pee Wee Sports | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other of our 65 programs: | |

☐ Please talk to me about leaving a bequest, estate or planned gift to the Grand Traverse Bay YMCA.

Please complete the information on the back of the form.



Donation Payment Information:

Please charge my

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

Card # : _____

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Signature: _____

If you would prefer; call 231-933-
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tion via telephone.

☐ To donate by check please make
payable to: **Grand Traverse Bay YMCA**

☐ Please do not publish my name as a
contributor.

☐ I have access to matching funds and
will send more information.

Name(s):

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Daytime phone

Birthday(s)

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Please tear off donor form and mail to:
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3000 Racquet Club Dr
Traverse City, MI 49684-4770



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Invest in Youth!



**An annual appeal
to help kids and families partici-
pate in YMCA programs
regardless of financial means.**

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SOMEONE WHO RECEIVED HELP ...



Joan M. broke down crying in our office. As a single parent who had lost her job almost a year ago, she faced a choice – find affordable quality child care for her two young children and try to reenter the work force, or stay at home with her children and rely on whatever charitable services she could for food and shelter.

She knew the latter was a downward spiral from which there was little chance of escape. If she had a job, she'd have the opportunity to create her own destiny, but there was a short term problem. Because she hadn't been working for some time, she did not qualify for DHS assistance with her child care. A large portion of what she would earn at a new job would go toward paying for child care. In the short term, without any help with these costs, it would actually make more financial sense for her to stay at home and not work at all, especially when the time and expense of searching for a new job are factored in. But Joan was thinking about long term. Joan was thinking about the day when she didn't need any help at all. Joan just needed a hand up, not a hand out.

Of the 57 children now enrolled at the Y Early Childhood Education Center, 11 of them come from families with stories similar to Joan's. The majority of our parents can afford to pay what it costs to run a high quality, curriculum-based, values-driven program. Many others qualify for DHS, and need no other local assistance. But for Joan and others like her, the additional financial assistance provided by Invest in Youth Appeal makes all the difference.

Thanks to Invest in Youth and other sources of funding, Joan will be able to rest assured that her children are cared for in a safe, nurturing, educational environment while she works. Once established in the work force, she will again qualify for DHS assistance and no longer need the Y's direct help with funding. As her situation improves, Joan hopes to reach a point where she needs no government help, either.

And that's why Joan was crying in our office. She was shedding tears of joy and hope for the future of her family. None of that could have happened without help from the people who donate to Invest in Youth.

**INVEST IN
YOUTH
HELPS
PEOPLE!**

